

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900's that continues to influence learning across the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, a system for the education of children from birth through the age of eighteen, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques, and observations that support the students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence, and self-confidence, and advance the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and

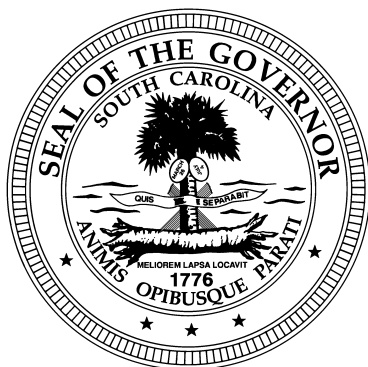
WHEREAS, the Montessori Method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the system of education developed by Dr. Maria Montessori.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 25 - March 3, 2007, as

### MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contribution made by Montessori schools to students in the Palmetto State.

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MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA